

to-be completed Federal Bureau of Investigation building in downtown New Haven in memory of Special Agent Merrill S. Parks, Jr. It is an honor to do so.

Before his untimely death earlier this month, Merrill Parks served as special agent in charge for the State of Connecticut, a post he held since 1994. During his time in New Haven, Special Agent Parks gained the respect and admiration of local law enforcement, and it was at their suggestion, and the urging of those he served most closely within the New Haven FBI office, that the new FBI building bear his name.

During his 30-year career, Special Agent Parks battled organized crime in the FBI's New York Division and worked with the Drug Enforcement Agency in the fight against drugs. Before coming to New Haven in 1994, Parks served with distinction as the Assistant Special Agent in charge of the Houston, TX, division.

It is altogether fitting that agents based in New Haven will work in a building named for a man who exemplified the best in law enforcement. I would also like to include in the RECORD a letter of support from FBI Director Louis J. Freeh and to thank him for his support.

Most of all, I want to pass along my deepest condolences to the family of Special Agent Parks. I hope to see them in New Haven very soon when we officially unveil the Merrill S. Parks, Jr., Federal Building.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, DC.

Hon. ROSA DELAUNO,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN DELAUNO: I want to thank you for agreeing to sponsor legislation naming the new federal building that will house the FBI's New Haven Field Office after Merrill S. Parks, Jr. Merrill was, until his recent death, the Special Agent in Charge of the office, and a widely respected member of the local law enforcement community. He had a long and distinguished career with the FBI.

All of us at the FBI support this endeavor. It seems a fitting tribute to an agent who devoted his life to public service and public safety.

I am hoping that your leadership on this matter will ensure its swift passage. From all of us at the FBI, I want to again express our gratitude for your attention to this matter, and your continuing support for law enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS J. FREEH,
DIRECTOR.

HONORING MADELEINE APPEL

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Madeleine Appel, who is this year's recipient of the Houston Chapter of the American Jewish Committee's Helene Susman Woman of Prominence Award. Helene Susman was a widowed mother of two who became the first

woman from Texas admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. When she died in 1978, she left a legacy of a commitment to Judaism, a belief in the importance of contributing to the community, and the need for individuals to act responsibly and with integrity at all times.

Madeleine Appel has demonstrated her commitment to her profession, community, and family in such a manner as to distinguish herself as a role model for other women to follow.

Madeleine Appel presently serves as administration manager in the Comptroller's Office of the City of Houston. Her work experience with the City of Houston has included a number of positions: administrator/senior council aide, Mayor Pro-Tem Office; Houston City Council from 1996–1997; senior council aide, Houston City Council member Eleanor Tinsley 1980–1995; and administrator, Election Central, ICASA. She has also worked for Rice University.

She began her career as a journalist working as an assistant women's editor and reporter at the Corpus Christi Caller and Times. Additionally, she worked as the women's editor and assistant editor for the Insider's Newsletter and as a reporter for The Houston Chronicle where she won the "Headliners Award." She received her B.A. from Smith College in political science and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Madeleine Appel's community involvement includes Scenic America, League of Women Voters of Texas, Houston Achievement Place, Jewish Family Service, League of Women Voters of Houston, Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism, Houston Architecture Foundation, American Jewish Committee, City of Houston Affirmative Action Committee, and Leadership Houston Class XII.

Madeleine Appel has been married for 36 years to Dr. Richard F. Appel and she is the proud mother of two sons and two daughters-in-law.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Madeleine Appel for her service to her community and to Houston. She is the best of public servants and an inspiration to others who want to engage in public service.

HONORING DANA WALSH FOR HER COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dana Walsh of Oceanside, New York for her outstanding fundraising efforts on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Miss Walsh is an eighth grade student at Oceanside Middle School where she proposed and coordinated a phone-a-thon which raised \$3,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She was inspired to fight for those who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis upon learning that the median survival age is only 29. She spent weeks organizing the evening event and in the end, tripled her original goal.

In light of the numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Miss Walsh are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

HONORING PAULINE GOLDMAN

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Las Vegas' most outstanding seniors on the occasion of her 78th birthday. Ms. Pauline Goldmann and her husband Bill retired to southern Nevada in June 1978. Although Bill died in 1991, Pauline remains one of the most active and influential seniors in Las Vegas. Throughout her life, Pauline has been a tireless advocate for working Americans. Among their many accomplishments in the battle for workers' rights, Pauline and Bill's first fight succeeded in allowing auto workers the right to leave the assembly line to use the restroom. Believe it or not, this was an unprecedented victory for auto workers. Pauline also organized the United Auto Workers Retirees Council, which remains one of Las Vegas' most vibrant and active senior groups. In addition, Pauline was instrumental in organizing the Paradise Democratic Club and the National Council of Senior Citizens, and she was a founding member of Seniors United. With all of these commitments, Pauline still finds time to be an active member of the Nevada Senior Coalition, the Executive boards of the Nevada State Democratic Party, and the UCLA Genealogy Board. Pauline was also appointed by Governor Bob Miller to serve on the Silver Haired Legislative Forum. This group, comprised of seniors from all over the state, makes recommendations to the State Government regarding senior needs and services. Pauline has been recognized by the AFL-CIO for her political volunteerism, as well as being named the Outstanding Grass Roots Democrat of 1991 by the Paradise Democratic Club. Pauline was also honored as the Family Care Giver of the Year in 1991 and was appointed to the White House Conference on Aging in 1995 by U.S. Senator RICHARD BRYAN. At the age of 78, Pauline is one busy lady, attending meeting after meeting in Las Vegas. She is well-respected and sets the highest standards of civic participation. Time and again, Pauline has proven her dedication to working families and seniors. Southern Nevada has the fastest-growing seniors population in the country, so, to all the new seniors moving to Las Vegas, I would like to say one thing—you could not be luckier to have someone as devoted as Pauline working on your behalf. At this time, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding senior who sets the standard for civic virtue, not only in Las Vegas, Nevada but throughout our Nation.